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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	<b>Attn: Mail Stop Amendment</b>
Tadashi SAO et al.	:	Patent Art Unit: 3744
Serial No. 10/580,909	:	Examiner: Mohammad M. Ali
Filed: May 30, 2006	:	<b>Confirmation No. 6843</b>
For: BRANCHING PIPE JOINT AND AN AIR	:	
CONDITIONER PROVIDED THEREWITH	:	

**Request for Reconsideration under 37 CFR §1.111**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the March 24, 2009 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-22 are pending, with claims 1 and 15 being the only independent claims.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.